

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2457
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VISA RACKET CASES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in the visa racket cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases registered during the last three years, Statewise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2457 FOR 4TH DECEMBER, 2007 REGARDING VISA RACKET CASES.

As per readily available information, the data regarding the cases of forgery of visas detected at the major International Airports during the last three years is as under:

Airport 2004 2005 2006 2007 (Up to 30.06.2007)

Delhi 122 174 119 60

Mumbai 62 126 100 67

Kolkata 0 4 5 0

Chennai 4 4 14 3

Amritsar 13 21 22 0

To ascertain the genuineness of the travel document including visa and to detect forgeries, the immigration officers at all Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) in the country are provided with the specimen copies of the travel documents and visas for comparison. They are also provided with Ultra Violet Lamps/Magnifying glasses to examine the travel documents including visas to detect possible tampering. In addition, Full Page Passport Reading Machines (PRMs) and Questionable Document Examiner (QDX) machines have been installed at major ICPs. Above all, officers manning immigration counters at all ICPs are given special training for detection of forged/fake travel documents including visas.